

THE ARMY BILL

Senate Will Dispose of It Next Week

A FEW AMENDMENTS

Will Demand Further Discussion—A Miscellaneous Programme Will Engage the House—River and Harbor Bill Will Pass Early in the Week and Postal and District Bills Will Be Taken Up.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The army reorganization bill will continue to engage the attention of the senate at least during the first days of the present week. The opinion is quite generally expressed among the senators that the bill will be acted upon by the middle of the week and even the critics of the measure join in the prediction. Many phases of the question involved in the army bill remain to be considered and the general understanding is that there will still be no general discussion before the bill can be disposed of. The speech of Senator Platt of Connecticut on Friday last in defense of the bill on general principles will call for replies and there are also special features which will require more or less attention. Among these is Senator Duffell's amendment concerning the appointment of volunteers to offices in the regular army, the question of the disposition of officers who have held staff positions and the provision for the enlistment of Filipinos in the American army. The disposal of all these questions undoubtedly will fill the first two or three days of the week. Senator Allen intends to call up the legislative and judicial appropriation bills when the army bill is acted upon.

THE HOUSE

Washington, Jan. 13.—A programme of miscellaneous matters will occupy the attention of the house during the coming week. The river and harbor bill which was debated for three days last week will consume one and possibly two days. Although the bill was criticized severely during the debate last week it is in no danger of failure. Most of the attacks came from members who were disappointed in what the bill grants to their localities and actual opponents of the measure will be overwhelmed when the final vote is reached. The District of Columbia committee, which under the rules would be entitled to tomorrow, will demand a day later in the week if the river and harbor bill is passed tomorrow. After the latter bill is disposed of, the bill to revise and codify the postal laws will be taken up under special order. It will be followed by the District of Columbia appropriation bill, and the latter in turn by the post-office appropriation bill, if there is any remaining time.

JEFFRIES-RUHLIN FIGHT

Club is Looking For a Hole to Crawl Into.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 13.—The agitation over the Jeffries-Ruhlin fight informed today, together with information from New York, to be gone a week and he left his ultimatum with the Saengerfest. The mayor said: "As the matter presented itself to me at the Friday meeting the application for a permit was not for the purpose of giving a sparring contest, but for the purpose of getting out of giving a sparring contest. I so told the gentlemen present at the conference, and told them so plainly. I also called their attention to the fact, well known and understood by them, that it had from the first been understood that a permit was to be issued at the proper time for the contest, and I added that I stood just where I had stood in the beginning and that if they went on with their arrangements the permit would be in their hands two days in advance and it was well understood that the permit would be for a sparring contest and nothing else." The question here now about the fight, among agitators, is as to the time when the Saengerfest Athletic club will declare it off.

A BURNING HOTEL

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 13.—A special to the Chronicle states that the Lake Shore hotel at Moyie, B. C., was destroyed by fire at 5 o'clock this morning. All the guests were sleeping and had no time to save their property, being obliged to jump for their lives.

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SHIP SUBSIDY BILL

It is Generally Agreed Upon By Republican Senators

The Reason Why it Was so Easily Displaced by the Army Bill. Senator Lodge's Warm Observations on the Latter Measure.

Washington, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—I have referred to the ship subsidy bill several times in these dispatches and given the current view of its chances. The ease with which it was shelved the other day in favor of the army bill indicated strongly that the republican leaders had come to some agreement concerning it, for otherwise Mr. Hanna and Mr. Frye would have opposed laying it aside. This view is sustained by an interview given out by Mr. Frye in which he says the passage of the subsidy bill is now certain. He says the senatorial steering committee intends to continue the measure in the legislative programme until it has been voted upon even if it becomes necessary to hold night sessions for the purpose. There are several prominent republicans who oppose the bill but it is far from likely that they would permit their opposition to take the form of filibustering against the measure. The democrats would find themselves up against a hard formation if they were forced to fight the bill day and night with it the special order of business.

TO BE AMENDED

The Maritime committee of fifteen of New York has recommended three amendments to the senate committee on commerce which will be accepted by that body.

One of these amendments consists in the insertion of a clause in Section 9 of the bill, which is designed to protect American vessels engaged in the transportation of cargoes to ports in Central America and Mexico. Under the provisions of the bill as originally reported, certain vessels were barred from the reception of the cargoes prescribed by the measure, because a part of their cargoes was consigned to United States ports on the Pacific coast, and the steamships were accordingly classified as engaging solely in the coastwise trade. As a matter of fact, only a small proportion of the cargoes of these vessels is sent to our Pacific ports, while the bulk of the clearly comes under the classification of foreign trade.

KILLED HER HUSBAND

Kansas City, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Lulu Prince Kennedy, who shot and killed her husband, Philip H. Kennedy, on Thursday evening, two days after he had brought suit to have their marriage, which he asserted had been forced, set aside, has been bound over to the grand jury with the recommendation that she be held for murder in the first degree.

A SCORE WERE HURT

Chicago, Jan. 13.—The four persons who were reported missing last night after the panic in the Twelfth street Turner hall fire in which five persons were trapped to death, were accounted for today. Though there were more than two score of persons badly hurt, it is thought now that none of them will die.

PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED

North Yakima, Wash., Jan. 13.—The Northern Pacific westbound passenger train was wrecked at the crossing of Squaw creek, nine miles west of here, by a washout. Several passengers were slightly hurt, but none seriously. With the exception of the engine and the rear sleeper, the train is in the ditch and is badly wrecked.

WORK NEARLY FINISHED

West Point, N. Y., Jan. 13.—The congressional committee which is investigating the alleged hanging of Cadet Booz expects to complete its investigation Tuesday morning.

JOSEPH YATES PAGE DEAD

Washington, Jan. 13.—Joseph Yates Page for the past six years chief clerk of the controller of the currency, died today of pneumonia.

THE COAL STRIKE

Fremont Miners Join the Ranks of the Sympathizers.

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 13.—A special to the Chieftain from Florence says "A big mass meeting of the coal miners of Fremont county was called this afternoon for the purpose of deciding what action should be taken in assisting the present strikers at Erie, Colo., and Gallup, N. M. The meeting was called on the strength of a telegram sent by President Mitchell, and the strike, which is a sympathetic one, was ordered.

a great policy. We believe in it. We are all in sympathy with it, but do you suppose the other countries like it? I doubt it very much.

"Any one who has read the newspapers lately will have noticed that in the Vienna papers and elsewhere there has been continued talk about economic federation to shut out the United States from Europe, and only the other day M. Leroy Baulieu, who is one of the greatest, perhaps the greatest, of the French economists, had a long article in one of the Vienna papers urging a combination of Europe against us. In other words, they feel the economic pressure which we are putting upon them. They are feeling it more and more every day. They will try to meet us undoubtedly in the great field of economic rivalry. I believe that with our resources, with the character of our people, with our new country, with our great continent, the victory can only be with us, and that there can be but one end to that conflict of economic forces.

"Now, we occupy a great position, economically. We are marching to a still greater one. You may impede it perhaps by legislation. You may check it, but you cannot stop the work of the economic forces. You cannot stop the advance of the United States. We may blunder here in the legislation, which we may pass for this thing or that thing, but the American people and the economic forces which underlie all are carrying us forward to the economic supremacy of the world. It is a great position, but dazzled by its splendor do not forget its perils. We look on at this great development, and we all take deep pride and pleasure in it, but it carries its dangers with it, and I want to see the United States always prepared to meet those dangers. We have no quarrel with any nation—I hope we shall have none, and I have said already that I see none who would wish to attack us—but I wish to see the United States so prepared that under these new conditions she will always be safe by sea and by land.

AN OCEAN TRAGEDY

Would-Be Murderer Cuts His Own Head Off.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Jan. 13.—The schooner, Kate and Ann, Captain Walker, has arrived from Santa Rosa. She reports that Mike O'Brien, a seal hunter, ran amuck aboard the vessel Saturday morning. He made a vicious attempt to kill Captain Walker with a knife and succeeded in cutting the cook badly in the region of the heart, the wound probably being fatal. He then cut his own throat, dying on the deck. He slashed his throat until his head was nearly severed from his body. The schooner arrived here at six o'clock this evening for medical aid for the cook and captain and to deliver the body of O'Brien to the morgue.

CHPATED JACK FROST

Arizona Oranges Safe From Frost. California Groves Frozen.

Nature stole a march on Jack Frost and California when she arranged that the Arizona orange crop should ripen and be gathered several weeks previous to the extreme western crop. Close investigation made Friday and Saturday by members of the Orange Growers' association elicited the fact that none of the orchards in this valley have been materially injured by the late very severe weather, a test which still River valley oranges may not have to again undergo in years to come. Mr. G. W. Mardis, who keeps a close watch on fruit conditions, said yesterday that the Arizona growers would suffer virtually no loss, while California orange men are damaged to the extent of many thousands of dollars. Only a very few of the younger trees in Arizona groves were damaged, and virtually all the fruit had been picked. A large part of that left on the trees was there for exhibition purposes, and will serve just as well frozen. Unlike other fruits, oranges will likely remain on the trees for weeks. Small quantities of the oranges that were frozen are being peddled about the streets. It is the impression among many people that frosted oranges are poisonous, but notwithstanding this fact the Indians and Mexicans devour the frozen fruit with great gusto. Private reports from Riverside, Cal., state that the orange crop there is ruined and the losses will approximate several thousand dollars.

It is likely that the test to which local orange groves have been just exposed will give a great impetus to the industry in this valley. The fear of frost has been next to the fear of a shortage of water, and since the groves have flourished through one of the driest seasons ever known here and survived a record-breaking cold spell, there should be no hindrance now to the steady and rapid growth of the orange business in Arizona.

WILL LIKELY SET HIM FREE

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 13.—Miss Eva Roth was today assaulted by Fred Alexander, a negro. Alexander was arrested and a mob is now trying to get him out of jail. The town is wildly excited. The same man was suspected of Pearl Forbes' murder.

MURDEROUS FILIPINOS

An Organization of Assassins to Kill For Revenge.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Copies of general orders from the Philippines received here show that a large number of native Filipinos have been convicted of murder and other crimes and sentenced to be hanged or to long terms of imprisonment. In one case the accused belonged to an organized mob which, under the name of the Guardia De Honor had for its declared object the murder of peaceful and unoffending victims if found necessary to gratify either desire for revenge or feeling of envy against the rich.

HAVE SIGNED AGAIN

Action of Chinese Plenipotentiaries Verified

Li Hung Chang Whose Health is Better Has Affixed His Name to the Joint Note—Opinions Regarding His Possible Successor.

Peking, Jan. 13.—The joint note of the powers has finally been signed by the Chinese peace commissioners. Prince Ching signed yesterday and Li Hung Chang, who is better, signed today. It is understood that the malady from which Li Hung Chang is suffering is Bright's disease. Prince Ching has protested to the court against the appointment, said to be contemplated, of Viceroy Chang Chih Tung, as plenipotentiary in place of Li Hung Chang. He thinks the latter's advice absolutely essential, although he believes it might be advisable to appoint a third plenipotentiary for China and ratifies his desire for the appointment of Sheng, who would be acceptable to the foreigners. So far as Chang Chih Tung is concerned the envoys who know him personally say that, while he is strongly anti-foreign, and has never made any secret of his likes and dislikes, they believe he would be a satisfactory representative of the Chinese and there would not be any objections to him on the score of his recent utterances. Indeed some of the ministers think it would be wise for China to make Chang Chih Tung a plenipotentiary.

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BEAR STAMPEDES A HOTEL

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 13.—A big bear broke into the Frantz hotel at Plymouth tonight, stampeded the guests and catching one tried to tear him to pieces. After a hard fight the man escaped, but had his right hand and his right arm torn and scratched to the bone. The bear is owned by Landlord Daniel Donovan of the hotel and is a vicious brute of 400 pounds weight. He broke from his cage tonight and attracted by the smell of cooking food charged into the hotel and entered the first room he came to, where a number of the guests were sitting. At the sight of the bear they all tried to get out of the opposite door at the same time and failed.

One man, E. E. Burdick of Troy, N. Y., failed because the bear caught him. Then ensued a wrestling match all over the room. The bear bit and scratched the man punched and kicked. They fell to the floor and rolled over and over, and finally by a lucky chance Burdick got an opportunity to jab his knees in the bear's abdomen with such force that the bear released his hold and Burdick managed to escape. The other guests, who had watched the struggle through the doors, shut them when Burdick ran out and imprisoned the bear. Later he was captured.

YOOT FONG'S ROMANCE

Cast Gold Aside to Wed the Man of Her Choice.

In Friday's issue was given the story of Yoot Fong, a beautiful Chinese girl who was arrested and brought before the court commissioner on the charge of being unlawfully in this country. She flashed a marriage license as her credentials and the case was set for hearing Jan. 18th. San Francisco papers charged the story of the romance of a Chinese maiden by the name of Leong Fong and it is thought by some that Yoot may be an alias and that the Phoenix girl may be the one sought for by an anxious mother in San Francisco. The great value and confidence she places in the marriage license adds color to the theory. In some manner she escaped the vigilance of her mother and sought liberty in flight. At last account she was still missing and it is not improbable that she is the girl whose fate now rests with Court Commissioner Johnstone. Following is the story of Leong Fong as printed in the Examiner.

Chinatown has had an elopement. One of the prettiest almond-eyed maidens won by the smiles of a handsome Chinese actor, has left her happy home and the aged but rich bridegroom selected by her family and fled with the man who pleased her.

The following notice published in the daily papers tells the story:

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
CHAN CHING-LEONG FONG.—In this city. Chan Ching aged 35 and Leong Fong, aged 18.
That notice appeared Friday morn-

ing. It outlines the romance which is the absorbing topic of Chinatown gossip.

Leong Fong belongs to a high Chinese family. She is seventeen years old and the Chinese who have been fortunate enough to get a glimpse of her face from the window of her room at 14 Ross alley declare she is one of the prettiest of the Chinatown belles.

Leong Fong's mamma built lofty air castles and planned a rich and magnificent marriage for her child. At last the right man—seen with the mother's eyes—was found. His name is Nim Yuk and in Marysville he has several stores and money enough to buy several wives if he so desired. He saw Leong Fong and wanted her for his wife. He spoke to the mother and was graciously received. He bought rich embroidery, gaudy shawls and costly jewels for his fiancée, for Fong was that by virtue of maternal agreement. The girl accepted the presents with delight, but she surveyed the aged merchant with disfavor. Though quite sprightly for one past the allotted age of man, Nim Yuk tottered a bit in his step and his hair was almost white. "He is too old for me," she told her younger sister, Lilly Tie.

Meanwhile the girl spent her evenings at the Washington street Chinese theatre. There she saw Chan Ching, the handsome of actors. His youth contrasted sharply with her aged lover, whom her mother favored. The actor finally noticed the girl and soon he managed to saunter down Ross alley a half dozen times each afternoon, and as often as she could Fong would converse with him from her window.

Finally matters came to a crisis. Nim Yuk was in a hurry to return to Marysville. Business was pressing. Fong's mother, despite her daughter's protest, decided that the marriage should be solemnized immediately.

The actor and his sweetheart decided to frustrate an unkind fate and take a bold step. Thursday afternoon Fong slipped out of her room and met Chan Ching. Together they went to the marriage license office, and though her mother says she is only seventeen, the girl declared she was of age and was given a license.

Meanwhile the disappearance of the girl was discovered. The mother feared that her daughter had been kidnapped and had stationed men at all the exits from the city to watch for her. Fong donned a suit of boys' clothing and without her escort went aboard the Oakland ferryboat. Her husband followed a half hour later. Once across the bay they were safe.

Detectives traced them that far and then lost the trail, though the pair are supposed to be hidden somewhere in Sulist.

The old merchant wants his money back. He says that the money and presents he gave the girl must be returned. The family has demurred and an arbitration committee has been appointed to settle the difficulty. But the lovers are not worrying about that.

TO RAISE AND CAN HARES

An Odd Industry Planned to Operate in Arizona.

A Phoenix correspondent of a New York paper tells of a company of California and Arizona capitalists which has been formed for the very unique purpose of conducting a Belgian hare ranch, in connection with a large canning plant, where hare meat can be prepared for the market. It is intended that a tract of 640 acres be secured and stocked with hares. It is estimated that 100,000 hares can be comfortably cared for in the tract, and that a factory be erected of sufficient size to slaughter and pack about 2,000 hares each day. The fecundity of the hare is remarkable and as a single pair will raise from fifty to seventy-five young in a year's time, it is believed that the great herd of rabbits will not be very rapidly decreased by the operations of the canning plant, particularly as it will not be run always at its fullest capacity. The meat of the Belgian hare is of a fine flavor and the color is what, much resembling chicken breast. It is intended to pack, meat, most of it in devalued form, as preserved meats usually keep better packed in that manner. Experiments have been made in packing hare meat and the product so much resembles chicken meat that the difference is not discernible by any but experts. It is intended to put the canned hare meat on the market at a lower price than canned beef or chicken, and it is hoped by the promoters to soon make hare meat a part of the army diet.

The fur of the hare will be another consideration. Hare fur, in the winter is very fine and soft and is valued by eastern furriers. In consequence the pelts of the slaughtered hares will be a very considerable item to the promoters of the scheme. Nor is this all. The bones and refuse will be sent to California to be made into fertilizer. On the face of it the project is a good one. In California and in Arizona, as well as in the eastern states, the Belgian hare craze has died out very suddenly, leaving many thousand hares on the hands of owners. The death of the fad has left many owners with large herds of hares. They are willing to dispose of them at almost any price and the hare association will be able to buy its stock very cheaply.

It is a well known fact that in California and Arizona there are many thousand Belgian hares and it is also well known that the business as conducted on a small scale has been an unqualified failure except for the originators of the fad, who made several fortunes by disposing of blue-blooded and pedigreed sires and dams at exorbitant prices to unsuspecting believers in the future greatness of the Belgian hare business.

Because the business failed on a small-scale is no reason that it should not succeed when conducted on a wider foundation and apparently there is plenty of room for expecting that the proposed ranch and cannery will become a great Arizona enterprise.

A BOER ASSAULT

Fourteen Hundred of Them Cross the Line

ENGLAND IS AROUSED

Supposed Murder of British Peace Commissioners Excites the Press to the Advocacy of Extreme Measures—No Time For Conciliation. The Watchword Must Be Not Proclamations But Reinforcements.

London, Jan. 13.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, Sunday, Jan. 13. "About 1,400 Boers crossed the line, attacking both Zurfontein and Kaalfontein stations, but were driven off. They are being pursued by a cavalry brigade." Lord Kitchener reports several skirmishes at different points, with trifling British losses.

COMMISSIONERS MURDERED

London, Jan. 14.—(4:30 a. m.) The brief report of the fate of three members of the peace commission who were sent to see General Dewet excites the deepest indignation on all sides. One or two papers express the hope that Lord Kitchener has been misled by false reports, but it is generally felt that he would not have reported the matter to the war office without undoubted evidence.

The daily Mail heads the report with the word "murder," and declares against any further attempt to coax the enemy into submission. "Dewet has placed himself outside the pale of humanity," says the Daily Mail, "and not proclamations, but large reinforcements must be our watchword."

The Morning Post says: "This marks the point where the guerrilla phase and the bandit phase begins." All the papers appeal strongly to the government to hurry forward reinforcements, since it is evident that the Boer leaders have now become desperate and conciliation is quite useless.

TO REMODEL QUEEN'S YACHT

Designer Watson Will Rebuild the Victoria and Albert.

London, Jan. 13.—Designer Watson has been requested to suggest alterations and complete the new royal yacht Victoria and Albert, which was so badly muddled in construction. Mr. Watson has inspected the yacht at Portsmouth. He has carte blanche to make any changes he thinks necessary. The yacht was originally designed by Sir William Henry White, designer of British naval construction, who has designed all the English war vessels that have been constructed since 1885.

SEARCH FOR GOLD IN TIN BOXES

Mr. Doughty Kipt Coin Hidden in the Walls of His Home.

Atlantic City, Jan. 13.—For several days past men have been searching the residence of the late Richard Doughty, at Absecon. Doughty was a wealthy horse trader and farmer, and having no faith in banks or bank notes, he kept some of his wealth in gold in tin boxes set in the walls of his dwelling. Ten boxes of gold coins, containing altogether \$15,000, have been found and it is thought that there are two more boxes. The hunt for the gold is under the direction of Mrs. John B. Champion, wife of the city hall commissioner. She is a daughter of Mr. Doughty.

QUICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

How the City Council Can Make it Quicker.

The fire department received many compliments yesterday on account of the promptness with which it turned out to the fire at the First M. E. church on Saturday night and the expedition with which it extinguished it. The Phoenix fire department has a trick of doing those things and the way of it is a marvel to those who are familiar with the operations of paid departments in large cities. There are only a half dozen paid members of the Phoenix department but by the time they get the machines at a fire apparently all the rest of the department is on hand ready for business, and every man knows where to take hold to the best advantage.

The Phoenix department is greatly handicapped in the matter of the location of the alarm boxes outside the business district. For instance, the alarm last Saturday night had to be turned in from a box three blocks from the location of the fire. There was a great loss of precious time.

Then the department had no means of locating the fire except by way of the alarm box, which may be beyond it. Of course where there is a guiding blaze or column of smoke no time is lost in responding to the call, but there were neither of these guides on Saturday night and the rush had to be made to the alarm box for further direction. The city council would do well to at least double the number of boxes, especially in the more thickly settled residence districts. It could be done all over town without a formidable outlay.